

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

**Please insert the following on page 2 before the section titled  
“BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION”:**

**CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

The present application is based on Japanese Patent Applications Nos.  
JP 2002-272372, filed September 19, 2002, and JP 2003-127890, filed May 6, 2003, the  
entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference.

**Please delete the entire paragraph beginning on page 49, line 8.**